



NORTH FORK RANCHERIA OF MONO INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Tribal Chairperson Elaine Fink, called to order the special meeting of the North Fork Rancheria at 9:07 a.m. on December 27, 2018 in North Fork, CA.

II. Moment of Silent Prayer

A moment of Silent Prayer was observed.

III. Roll Call

Tribal Secretary, Katrina Guitierrez conducted a roll call. The following Council members were present: Elaine Fink, Edward Polkenhorn, Katrina Guitierrez, and Maryann McGovran. Gary Walker was absent.

Staff present:

Gary Nicholes – CAO

Christina McDonald – EPD Director

Tawanish Lavell – ICWA

Tribal Citizens:

Dave Jones

IV. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Treasurer McGovran motioned to approve the agenda. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 4/0/0

V. Approval of previous meeting minutes

Treasurer McGovran motioned to approve the special meeting minutes of December 13, 2018 with a correction. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 4/0/0

VI. New Business

a) Gary Nicholes – CAO

1. World Premiere Event

Mr. Nicholes reported that Edna Garabedian is inquiring about teaming up with NFR for an Opera premiere celebrating the Native Culture and that she is looking for support and to help advertise the premiere. Tribal Council agreed to meet with Ms. Garabedian sometime. Mr. Nicholes will set up a meeting with her.

2. Mail

Chairperson Fink reported that a lot of time is spend when Mr. Nicholes scans the mail to Tribal Council and since there is not enough manpower at the office, Chairperson Fink suggested for Tribal Council to review the mail on a daily basis for anything that is time

sensitive. In the event that the Chairperson is not available, then the next officer and so on will be the one to review.

3. Southern California Edison Letter

FYI – Ms. McDonald will do further research.

4. Mail

Mr. Nicholes presented an air bag safety recall on a list of vehicle brands, Mr. Nicholes requested to have maintenance check all the air bags on NFR vehicles.

5. Tribal Summit Update

Ms. McDonald reported that the Committee wanted to see if more community members would like to attend outside of agencies, etc. Chairperson Fink, Christina McDonald, and Katie Parra will be attending for NFR.

b) Christina McDonald – EPD Director

1. State Water Resource Comment Letter

By consensus, Tribal Council approved.

2. Department of Pesticide Regulations

By consensus, Tribal Council approved.

c) Dave Jones – Tribal Citizen

Tribal Citizen Dave Jones presented the Public Coffee House/Youth Center located in the middle of North Fork and how the program got started and why. Mr. Jones explained that the Coffee House is a safe place for kids to hang out after school and in the evenings. The Public Coffee House also helps the community by providing free monthly breakfasts and dinners, helped kids go to bible camp, and also has open mic nights for the whole community. Mr. Jones requested any sort of donation to help support the program. Mr. Jones also stated that all religions are welcome and that no religions are forced upon anyone. Tribal Council agreed that this was a good thing and was thankful that another program was available to the Native Youth and the Community. The following motion was made:

Treasurer McGovran motioned to support the Coffee House with a \$500.00 amount. Councilman Polkenhorn seconded. Mc 4/0/0

VII. Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.

Secretary Guitierrez motioned to go into executive session @ 10:14 a.m. Treasurer McGovran seconded. Mc 4/0/0

VIII. Executive Session

a) ICWA

1. Resolution No. 18-83

Secretary Guitierrez motioned to adopt Resolution No. 18-83 A Resolution identifying Tribal Customary Adoption as the permanent plan for minor child and designating Koinonia Family Services to conduct a Tribal Customary Adoption Home study as the Tribe's designee. Treasurer McGovran seconded. Mc 4/0/0

2. Adoption

Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn motioned for minor to be adopted by a conventional adoption. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 3/1/0

Secretary Guitierrez motioned to come out of executive session @ 10:53 a.m. Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn seconded. Mc 4/0/0

IX. Mail / Travel

a) *Fee to Trust* – 01/31/19 – Chukchansi Gold Resort & Casino – Secretary Guitierrez will attend.

X. Next Meeting

January 10, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

XI. Adjournment

Treasurer McGovran motioned to adjourn @ 11:56 a.m. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 4/0/0

Minutes submitted by: **Katrina Guitierrez – 01/08/19**

COUNCIL APPROVAL

At a meeting of the Tribal Council of the North Fork Rancheria, call and convened on the **10th** day of **January, 2019**, at which a legal quorum was present, these minutes were approved as presented by a vote of **4 For 0 Against 0 Abstaining**.

DATED this **14th** day of **January, 2019**.


Katrina Guitierrez, Tribal Secretary


Judy E. Fink, Tribal Chairperson